



January 23, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication: WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 19, 2018, Genny Morelli and the undersigned of ITTA met with Jay Schwarz of the Office of Chairman Pai regarding the recently-circulated order to promote more high-speed broadband deployment in rural areas.¹ In our meeting, we urged the need for additional funding for model-based rural broadband deployment at \$200/month per location, and also expressed the need for additional funding for legacy-based rate-of-return carriers to alleviate the effects of the budget control mechanism. We emphasized the importance of the Commission's rapid adoption of the draft order so as to facilitate the planning that will result in deployment of broadband to tens of thousands of unserved and underserved rural consumers.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michael J. Jacobs
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Jay Schwarz

¹ Press Release, FCC, Chairman Pai Proposes Over \$500 Million in Funding to Promote Rural Broadband Deployment (Jan. 16, 2018), https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2018/db0116/DOC-348723A1.pdf.